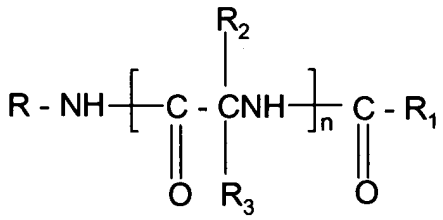
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of migraine headaches in a subject, comprising administering to said patient a headache relieving effective amount of a compound of the formula:



wherein

R is hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkynyl, aryl, aryl lower alkyl, heterocyclic, heterocyclic lower alkyl, lower alkyl heterocyclic, lower cycloalkyl, lower cycloalkyl lower alkyl, and R is unsubstituted or is substituted with at least one electron withdrawing group or electron donating group;

R_1 is hydrogen or lower alkyl; ~~, lower alkenyl, lower alkynyl, aryl lower alkyl, aryl, heterocyclic lower alkyl, heterocyclic, lower alkyl heterocyclic, lower cycloalkyl, lower cycloalkyl lower alkyl, each unsubstituted or substituted with an electron donating group or an electron withdrawing group; and~~

R_2 and R_3 are independently hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkynyl, aryl lower alkyl, aryl, halo, heterocyclic, heterocyclic lower alkyl, lower alkyl heterocyclic, lower alkyl heterocyclic, lower cycloalkyl, lower cycloalkyl lower alkyl, or Z-Y wherein R_2 and

R_3 may be unsubstituted or substituted with at least one electron withdrawing group or electron donating group;

Z is O, S, $S(O)_a$, NR_4, or PR_4;

Y is hydrogen, lower alkyl, aryl, aryl lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkynyl, heterocyclic, heterocyclic lower alkyl, and Y may be unsubstituted or substituted with an electron donating group or an electron withdrawing group, or

ZY taken together is $NR_4NR_5R_7$, NR_4OR_5, ONR_4R_7, OPR_4R_5, PR_4OR_5, SNR_4R_7, NR_4SR_7, SPR_4R_5, ~~or~~ PR_4SR_7, $NR_4PR_5R_6$ or $PR_4NR_5R_7$,

$NR_4C(=O)-R_5$, SCR_5, $NR_4C(=O)-OR_5$, or $SC(=O)-OR_5$;

R_4, R_5 and R_6 are independently hydrogen, lower alkyl, aryl, aryl lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, or lower alkynyl, wherein R_4, R_5 and R_6 may be unsubstituted or substituted with an electron withdrawing group or an electron donating group; and

R_7 is $COOR_8$, ~~or~~ COR_8, hydrogen, lower alkyl, aryl, aryl lower alkyl, lower alkenyl or lower alkynyl, which R_7 may be unsubstituted or substituted with an electron withdrawing group or electron donating group;

R_8 is hydrogen or lower alkyl, or aryl lower alkyl, and the aryl or alkyl group may be unsubstituted or substituted with an electron withdrawing group or an electron donating group; and

n is 1-4;

a is 1-3;

wherein

heterocyclic contains from 3 up to 18 ring atoms and up to a total of 17 ring carbon atoms containing 1 to 4 hetero ring atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur.

21. (Original) The method according to Claim 20 wherein one of R_2 and R_3 is hydrogen.

22. (Original) The method according to Claim 20 wherein n is 1.

23. (Original) The method according to Claim 20 wherein one of R_2 and R_3 is hydrogen and n is 1.

24. (Original) The method according to Claim 20 wherein R is aryl lower alkyl and R_1 is lower alkyl.

25. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 20 ~~17~~ wherein R_2 and R_3 are independently hydrogen, lower alkyl, aryl, ~~aryllower~~ aryl lower alkyl, heterocyclic, heterocyclic lower alkyl ~~loweralkyl~~ or ZY;

Z is O, NR_4 or PR_4;

Y is hydrogen, lower alkyl, aryl, aryl lower alkyl ~~loweralkyl~~, heterocyclic or heterocyclic lower alkyl; or

ZY taken together is $NR_4NR_5R_7$, NR_4OR_5, ONR_4R_7, $NR_4C(=O)-R_5$, or $NR_4C(=O)-OR_5$; and

R_4, R_5 and R_7 are independently hydrogen, lower alkyl, aryl or aryl lower alkyl.

26. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 25 wherein R_2 is hydrogen and R_3 is lower alkyl, aryl, aryl lower ~~aryllower~~ alkyl, heterocyclic, ~~or~~ heterocyclic lower alkyl, or ZY;

Z is O, NR_4 or PR_4;

Y is hydrogen, lower alkyl, aryl, aryl lower alkyl ~~loweralkyl~~, heterocyclic or heterocyclic lower alkyl; or

ZY taken together is $NR_4R_5R_7$, NR_4OR_5, ONR_4R_7, $NR_4C(=O)-R_5$, or $NR_4C(=O)-OR_5$; and

R_4, R_5 and R_7 are independently hydrogen, lower alkyl, aryl or aryl lower alkyl.

27. (Original) The method according to Claim 26 wherein

R_2 is hydrogen and R_3 is lower alkyl, which may be unsubstituted or substituted with an electron donating or electron withdrawing group, NR_5OR_6, or ONR_5R_7.

28. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 26 wherein R_3 is lower alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted with hydroxy or lower alkoxy ~~loweralkoxy~~, NR_4OR_5 or ONR_4R_7, wherein R_4, R_5 and R_7 are independently hydrogen or lower alkyl, R is aryl lower alkyl ~~loweralkyl~~, which aryl group may be unsubstituted or substituted with an electron withdrawing group and R_1 is lower alkyl.

29. (Original) The method according to Claim 26 wherein R_3 is heterocyclic.

30. (Original) The method according to Claim 29 wherein heterocyclic is heteroaromatic.

31. (Original) The method according to Claim 30 wherein R_3 is furyl, pyridyl, thienyl or thiazolyl.

32. (Original) The method according to Claim 28 wherein aryl is phenyl.

33. (Original) The method according to Claim 28 wherein aryl is phenyl and is unsubstituted or substituted with halo.

34. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 20 wherein the compound is

(R)-N-Benzyl-2-~~acetamide~~acetamido-3-methoxy- propionamide;

O-methyl-N-acetyl-D-serine-m-fluorobenzylamide;

O-methyl-N-acetyl-D-serine-p-fluorobenzylamide;

N-acetyl-D-phenylglycinebenzylamide;

D-1,2-(N, O-dimethylhydroxylamino)-2-~~acetamide~~ acetamido acetic acid benzylamide; or

D-1,2-(O-methylhydroxylamino)-2-acetamido acetic acid benzylamide.

35-51. (Cancelled)

52. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 20 wherein the electron withdrawing group and electron donating group are selected from the group consisting of halo, nitro, carboxy, ~~loweralkoxy~~ lower alkoxy carbonyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkynyl, formyl, aryl, ~~arylloweralkanoyl~~ aryl lower alkanoyl, carboxyamido, hydroxy, ~~loweralkoxy~~ lower alkoxy,

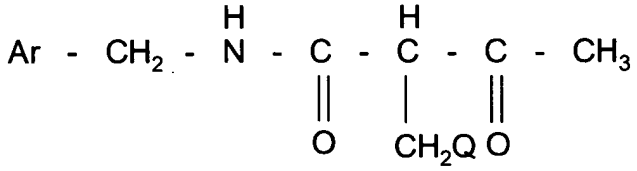
lower alkyl, amino, lower alkylamino, ~~diloweralkylamino~~ dilower alkylamino, aryl, aryl lower alkanoyl, trifluoromethyl, aryloxy, lower alkylthio, mercapto, and lower alkyldithio.

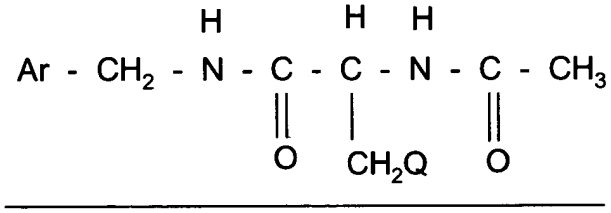
53-55. (Cancelled)

56. (Original) The method according to Claim 20 wherein the carbon atom which is substituted by R_2 and R_3 is in the D configuration.

57-62. (Cancelled)

63. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 20 wherein Ar is unsubstituted aryl or aryl substituted with halo wherein the compound has the formula:





and Q is lower alkoxy.

64. (Original) The method according to Claim 63 wherein Q is methoxy.

65. (Original) The method according to Claim 63 wherein Q is methoxy and Ar is unsubstituted aryl or aryl substituted with halo.

66. (Original) The method according to Claim 63 wherein the carbon atom which is bonded to CH_2Q is in the D configuration.

67. (Original) The method according to Claim 63 wherein the carbon atom which is bonded to CH_2Q is in the D configuration.

68-72. (Cancelled)